



Keyboard shortcuts and mouse navigation for maps

You can use the mouse or the keyboard to navigate the map or to select different views.

[Navigating with the mouse](#)

Action	Result
Drag with the left mouse button	Moves the map in the direction you drag the mouse
Right-click	Displays a menu of relevant options
Drag with the center or wheel mouse button	
-or-	Draws a box on the 2D map, and then zooms in on that box
Hold down ALT and drag with the left mouse button	
Double-click	Zooms in one level
Hold down ALT and double-click	Zooms out one level
Rotate the mouse wheel button backward	Zooms out on the map
Rotate the mouse wheel button forward	Zooms in on the map
Point to an icon on the map	Displays an enhanced preview
Click an item in the scratch pad or search results list	Centers the map on the selected item

[Navigating with the keyboard](#)

Key	Action
+ (PLUS SIGN)	Zooms in one level
- (MINUS SIGN)	Zooms out one level
Arrow keys	Scrolls the map in the direction of the arrow
r	Switches to the road map view
a	Switches to the aerial map view
h	Switches to the hybrid map view
CTRL+q	Switches a 3D map to first-person mode
ESC	Stops first-person mode
2	Switches to 2D map view
3	Switches to 3D map view if Virtual Earth 3D (Beta) is installed

Navigate 3D maps with a game controller

You can use an Xbox 360 Controller for Windows to navigate a 3D map in Microsoft Windows XP and in Windows Vista.

To navigate 3D maps with a game controller:

1. Go to <http://maps.live.com>.
2. In the navigation control, click **3D**.
3. Do any of the following:

Pivot the map

Move the left stick in any direction. Pivot rotates your view horizontally around a fixed point. When you pivot, you keep the same altitude and angle of view.

Rotate the map view

Move the right stick left or right. When you rotate the map view, it appears as if you're moving your head side to side.

Change your pitch

Move the right stick up or down to change your viewing angle. When you change your pitch, it appears as if you're moving your head up and down. Changing the pitch doesn't change your altitude.

Change your altitude

- Press the left trigger button to increase your altitude.
- Press the right trigger button to decrease your altitude.

Change the map speed

- Press the X button to use the moderate speed setting.
- Press the Y button to use the fast speed setting.

Note

This is a global change. The game controller and the keyboard share the map speed setting.

Notes

- When you tilt, you change your altitude and angle of view. The angle of tilt is 90 degrees, 45 degrees, or 25 degrees when you select a view angle from the navigation control.
- You can reset the map view by pressing the HOME key, or the A key if you're using a game controller.

Navigate 3D maps with the mouse or keyboard

You can use the mouse or the keyboard to navigate 3D maps.

To navigate 3D maps:

1. Go to <http://maps.live.com>.
2. In the navigation control, click **3D**.
3. Do any of the following:

Pan the map

Choose any of the following options:

- Click one of the four directional arrows in the compass to pan the map in that direction.
- Click a point on the map, and then drag the map in any direction.
- Use the arrow keys.

Pivot the map

Pivot rotates your view horizontally around a fixed point. When you pivot, you keep the same altitude and angle of view. Choose any of the following options:

- Click on the ring of the compass, and then drag the ring in any direction.
- Press the CTRL key while you drag the map to the left or to the right.
- Press the CTRL key, and then press either the left or right arrow key.

Rotate the map view

When you rotate the map view, it appears as if you're moving your head side to side. Choose any of the following options:

- Press the SHIFT key while you drag the map to the left or to the right.
- Press the SHIFT key, and then press either the left or right arrow key.

Tilt the map

When you tilt, you change your altitude and angle of view. The angle of tilt is 90 degrees, 45 degrees, or 25 degrees when you select a view angle from the navigation control. Choose any of the following options:

- Drag the small slider inside the ring of the compass.
- Press the CTRL key while you drag the map up or down.
- Press the CTRL key, and then press either the up or down arrow key.

Change your pitch

When you change your pitch, it appears as if you're moving your head up and down. Changing the pitch doesn't change your altitude. Choose any of the following options:

- Press the SHIFT key while you drag the map forward or backward.
- Press the SHIFT key, and then press either the up or down arrow key.

Change your altitude

Choose any of the following options:

- Press the page up or page down key.
- Press the SHIFT key while you rotate the mouse wheel.

Note

In Mozilla Firefox, pressing the SHIFT key while rotating the mouse wheel doesn't change your altitude. Instead, this activates a feature in Mozilla Firefox that scrolls through the webpages in your browser history.

Zoom in or out on the map

Choose any of the following options:

- Rotate the mouse wheel forward or back.
- Press the CTRL key and rotate the mouse wheel forward or back to zoom toward or away from the pointer.
- Press the hyphen (-) or the equal (=) key on the keyboard.

-or-

Press the PLUS SIGN (+) key or the MINUS SIGN (-) key on the numeric keypad.



Notes

- Double-click a point on the map to move to that location.
- You can reset the map view by pressing the HOME key, or the A key if you're using a game controller.

Zoom in and out on the map

You can zoom in or out in road or aerial map view, and 3D view.

Zoom in and out in the road or aerial map view

- Go to <http://maps.live.com>.
- Zoom in or out with any of these methods:
 - In the navigation control, on the zoom slider, click the plus sign  or minus sign .
 - Press the PLUS SIGN (+) key or the MINUS SIGN (-) key.
 - Rotate the mouse wheel forward or back.
 - Drag the zoom slider in the navigation control.

Note

You can also zoom in and out on the map by pointing to a [pushpin](#), and then clicking Zoom to street level.

Zoom in or out in 3D view

- Go to <http://maps.live.com>.
- To view a map in 3D, click **3D** in the navigation control.
- Scroll the mouse wheel.

-or-

In the navigation control, drag the zoom slider.

Change map views

You can change the map view to see a road map, an aerial view without road labels, or a combination of views.

To change the map view:

1. Go to <http://maps.live.com>.
2. On the navigation control, click any of the following map views:
 - **Road:** A typical street map that shows streets, highways, cities, boundaries, and related features.
 - **Aerial:** A photo map that shows buildings and geographical features from space.
 - **Hybrid:** A photo map with labels for streets, highways, and major landmarks.

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